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REMARKS:

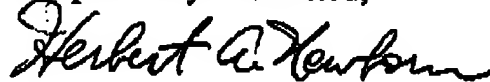
Following entry of this amendment, claims 1-11 remain pending in this application.

The Applicant expresses thanks to the Examiner for his efforts in expediting this application. These efforts include agreeing to a telephone conference held on October 6, 2004 with the representative for the Applicant.

Claims 1, 2 and 10 have been amended to more clearly and particularly claim the present invention. Using the subject of claim 1, it is a requirement of the claimed safety device that "once activated, the safety enhancer will only be deactivated by turning the motor off." The Applicant maintains that none of the cited prior art, singly or in combination, would render a device with this limitation to be obvious. There is no teaching or suggestion in the prior art regarding the problem of premature deactivation of safety devices and the solution afforded by the instant disclosure. The Examiner is referred to the numerous arguments in prior papers and to the detailed discussion by teleconference.

It is the position of the Applicant that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration on the merits of the application is, therefore, respectfully requested. If the Examiner has remaining questions or concerns regarding the patentability of the pending claims, the Applicant and representative welcome the opportunity to discuss it further. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please advise as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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